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DEFINITIONS

“Theology, to foreordain by divine decree or purpose,”
- dictionary.com

“to appoint beforehand.”
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The root word is “destination.” The prefix is “pre.” All it means is for a destination to be decided or determined beforehand.

Vocabulary. Com – “something that’s predestinated has been planned or arranged already – there’s no way to change its outcome.”
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Greek: (προορίζω) (pro-or-id'-zo) –
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1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, to the saints which are at Ephesus, and to the faithful in Christ Jesus:
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Romans 8:15-17 (KJV)
15 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the **Spirit of adoption**, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.
16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:
17 And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with **him**, that we may be also **glorified together**.

Romans 8:23 (KJV)
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Galatians 4:4-6 (KJV)
4 But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,
5 To redeem them that were under the law, that we might **receive the adoption of sons**.
6 And because ye are sons, God hath **sent forth the Spirit of his Son** into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.
Ephesians 1:13-14 (KJV)

13 In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,

14 Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

1 Corinthians 6:20 (KJV)

20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

Ephesians 4:30 (KJV)

30 And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.
In the Greco-Roman culture, children had a “coming of age” ceremony in which they were considered an adult, and became the legal heir of the parent, and gained authority over the disposition of some assets and property. One might see this as parallel to a Bar Mitzvah in Jewish custom. When that time came, the child was given a new robe or a new toga to go along with their title and status, which would signify to others that they were past that milestone.

- [http://www2.gracenotes.info/topics/adoption.html](http://www2.gracenotes.info/topics/adoption.html)
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1 Now I say, That the heir, as long as he is a child, differeth nothing from a servant, though he be lord of all;
2 But is under tutors and governors until the time appointed of the father.
3 Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world:
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In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.
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2 Corinthians 1:10 (KJV)
10 Who delivered us from so great a death, and doth deliver: in whom we trust that he will yet deliver us;

1 Peter 1:4-9 (KJV)
4 To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you,
5 Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. [future]
6 Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations:
7 That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:
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After detailing the necessity to yield to the spirit and overcome the flesh in chapters 6, 7, and the first part of 8, the rest of Romans 8 is about the guaranteed assurance and future of the believer. This transition is captured in:

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Romans 8:28 (KJV)

28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.
There are only two kinds of calling in the New Testament.

1. Gospel call as in 2 Thessalonians 2:14, and

2. The vocational call of the believer, as in Ephesians 4:1 and 2 Timothy 1:9. This one also includes the responsibility of being “called” “Christian” (Acts 11:26) and bearing the name of Christ as an ambassador (2 Corinthians 5:20) with a specific mission.

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